



FROM KRYPTON'S PAST STORMS A WARRIOR
MIGHTIER THAN **SUPERMAN!**

NOW
40¢

SUPERMAN
STARRING IN

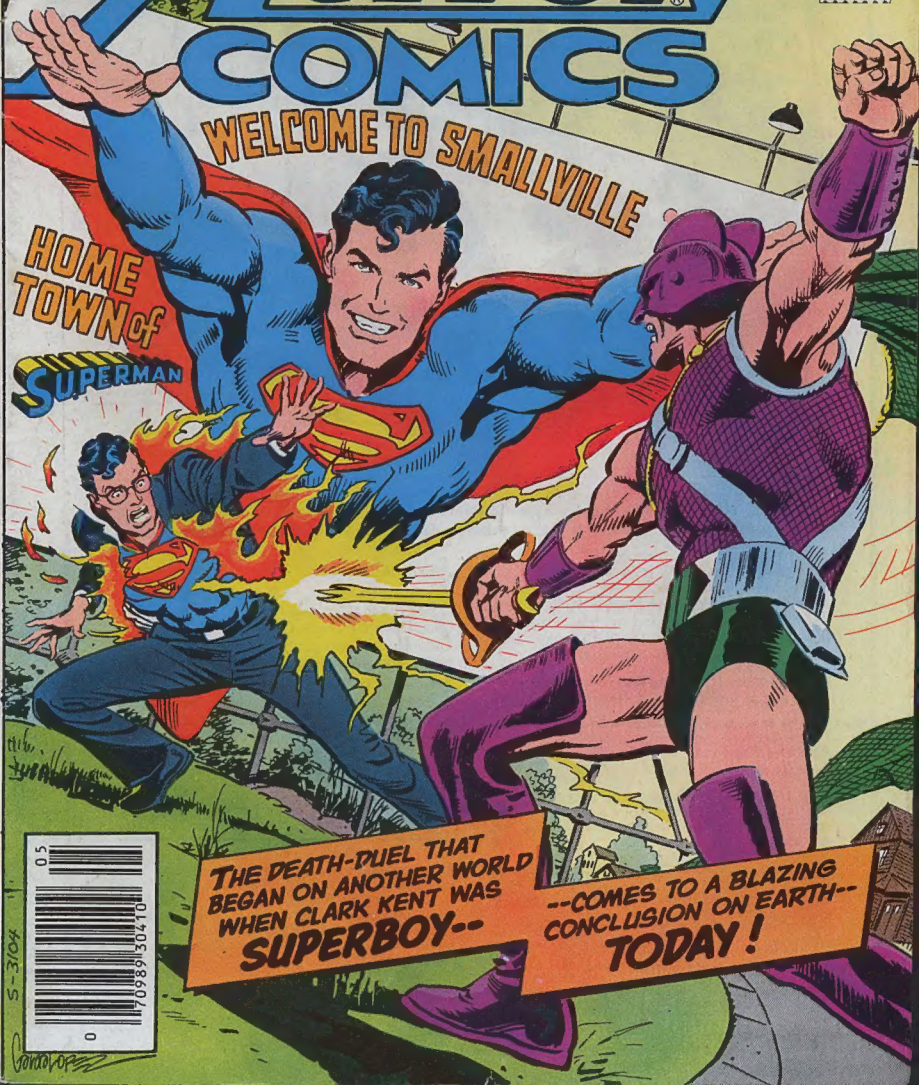
ACTION COMICS

NO. 495
MAY

APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE
AUTHORITY

WELCOME TO SMALLVILLE

HOME
TOWN of
SUPERMAN



THE DEATH-DUEL THAT
BEGAN ON ANOTHER WORLD
WHEN CLARK KENT WAS
SUPERBOY--

--COMES TO A BLAZING
CONCLUSION ON EARTH--
TODAY!



S-3104



Figures Shown
Actual Size

Made of durable, non-toxic plastic, from master molds handcrafted in Italy.

■ Set up your own war games ■ Build your own dioramas ■ Command your own troops

All figures, guns, tanks have incredible detail, and are cast to authentic H-O Scale—the same as model trains. You can build a whole collection of soldiers, sailors, and marines; armies of different countries; complete with tanks, artillery, jeeps, and military equipment.

Ask to see the complete Atlantic line at your favorite toy or hobby store.

Atlantic Products

19-H Gardner Road, Fairfield, NJ 07006

YES! Here's my \$1.00. Rush my H-O Scale soldier pack, catalog, and store list to me. If not satisfied, I may return the merchandise for a full refund.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Please allow about 4 weeks for delivery

Also available:

Far West Figures—H-O Scale figures that re-create the thrilling sagas of Buffalo Bill, Geronimo, Davy Crockett, Custer's Last Stand, the Gold Rush days, complete with forts, wagon trains, and wild west towns. Collect them all!

Ancient Civilizations—Set up for battle with Egyptian chariot-drawn cavalry. Re-live the days at Pharaoh's court, the Sphinx and the Nile. Re-create Greek life at the Acropolis or the legend of Ulysses and the Trojan Horse. Collect **Roman Gladiators**, complete with arms and armor, catapults and siege towers. There's so much to do, so much fun for the asking, with everything in realistic H-O Scale.

Mail this coupon with just \$1.00 and we'll send you a sample pack containing from 12-15 soldiers. We'll also send you a full-color, 24-page catalog showing all the other H-O Scale fun packs that are available. And—we'll include a list of nearby stores where you can see and buy all of the Atlantic kits you can add to your collection.

All for just \$1.00.

ROCKETED AS A BABY FROM THE EXPLODING PLANET KRYPTON, KAL-EL GREW TO MANHOOD ON EARTH--WHOSE YELLOW SUN AND LIGHTER GRAVITY GAVE HIM FANTASTIC SUPER-POWERS! IN THE CITY OF METROPOLIS, HE POSES AS MILD-MANNERED TV NEWSMAN CLARK KENT--BUT BATTLES EVIL ALL OVER EARTH--AND BEYOND--AS...

SUPERMAN

Created by
JERRY SIEGEL &
JOE SHUSTER

EVEN AS AN INFANT ON HIS HOME PLANET KRYPTON, KAL-EL HEARD THE GLORIOUS LEGENDS OF THE INVINCIBLE SEVEN-FOOT GUARDIANS WHO STRODE ACROSS ANCIENT KRYPTONIAN PLAINS--PLEGGED TO PATROL AND PROTECT THEIR PLANET FROM ANY AND ALL THREATS!

NOW--SOMEHOW--ONE OF THESE LONG-EXTINCT GIANTS HAS RISEN AGAIN! THE YEAR IS 1979... THE PLANET IS EARTH... AND THE ENEMY IS NONE OTHER THAN KAL-EL--SUPERMAN!

ATTACK OF THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR!

WRITER: CARY BATES
PENCILER: CURT SWAN
INKER: FRANK CHIARAMONTE
LETTERER: BEN ODA
COLORIST: GENE D'ANGELO
EDITOR: JULIUS SCHWARTZ

ACTION COMICS®, Vol. 42, No. 498, May, 1979. Published monthly by DC COMICS INC., 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10019. Second Class Postage paid at New York, N.Y. and Additional Mailing Offices. Copyright © 1979 by DC Comics Inc. All Rights Reserved. The stories, characters and incidents mentioned in this magazine are entirely fictional. No actual persons, living or dead, are intended or should be inferred. Printed in U.S.A.

This periodical may not be sold except by authorized dealers and is sold subject to the conditions that it shall not be sold or distributed with any part of its cover or markings removed, nor in a mutilated condition, nor affixed to, nor as part of any advertising, literary or pictorial matter whatsoever.

Advertising Representative, Sanford Schiavari & Co., 355 Lexington Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017, (212) 391-1400

SUBSCRIPTION DEPT.: DC COMICS INC., 155 Allen Blvd., Farmingdale, N.Y. 11737. Annual subscription rate \$6.75. Outside U.S.A. \$7.75.

Jeanette Kahn, Publisher
Joe Orlando, Managing Editor
Julius Schwartz, Editor
E. Nelson Bridwell, Associate Editor
Jack Adler, Vice-Pres. Production
Vince Colletta, Art Director
Paul Levitz, Editorial Coordinator

Sol Harrison, President
Arthur Gutowitz, Treasurer

A vertical illustration of a waterfall cascading over a rocky cliff into a pool of water below. The waterfall is depicted with numerous vertical lines representing the falling water, and the pool below shows ripples and reflections. The surrounding cliffs are dark and craggy.

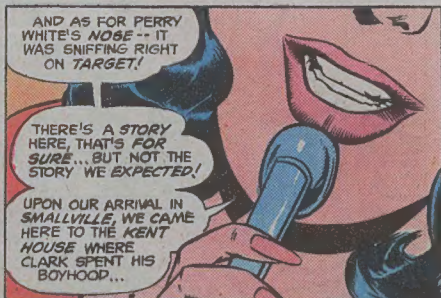
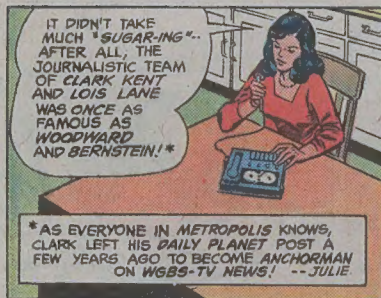
AND GET THIS--
THE NOTE SAYS THIS
IS ONLY THE *FIRST*
OF *MANY SUPERMAN*
SECRETS HE'LL BE
SENDING EXCLUSIVELY
TO THE *PLANET!*

"BUT PERRY'S EDITORIAL NOSE HAD ALREADY PICKED UP THE SCENT OF A REAL STORY!" AND SINCE THE ANONYMOUS LETTER CARRIED A SMALLVILLE POSTMARK...

"...YOU'RE THE IDEAL CHOICE TO COVER THIS STORY, CLARK—AFTER ALL, YOU GREW UP IN SMALLVILLE!"

"BUT PERRY'S EDITORIAL NOSE HAD ALREADY PICKED UP THE SCENT OF A REAL STORY! AND SINCE THE ANONYMOUS LETTER CARRIED A SMALLVILLE POSTMARK..."

"AS FOR HOW I CAME INTO THE PICTURE ... I SWEET-TALKED PERRY INTO SENDING ME ALONG!"





THAT'S ENOUGH FOR NOW! I'LL BRING THE REST OF MY NOTES UP TO DATE LATER!

YOU KNOW, MISS LANE, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER WATCHED A REPORTER AT WORK AND I'M IMPRESSED!



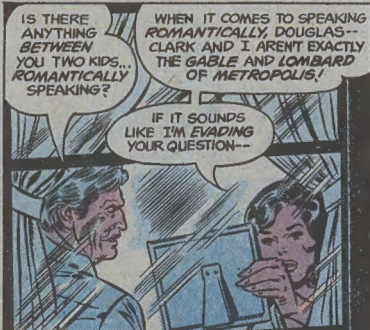
TELL YOU WHAT, CHIEF! SINCE THE THREE OF US ARE IN THIS HOUSE FACING THE UNKNOWN TOGETHER... WHY DON'T YOU START CALLING ME LOIS?

YOU GOT YOURSELF A DEAL, LOIS... BUT ONLY IF YOU CALL ME DOUGLAS!



AND SPEAKING OF THE THREE OF US--IT'S BEEN OVER A HALF-HOUR SINCE THE MEAK AND MILD MASTER OF THE HOUSE STEPPED OUT FOR SOME FRESH AIR!

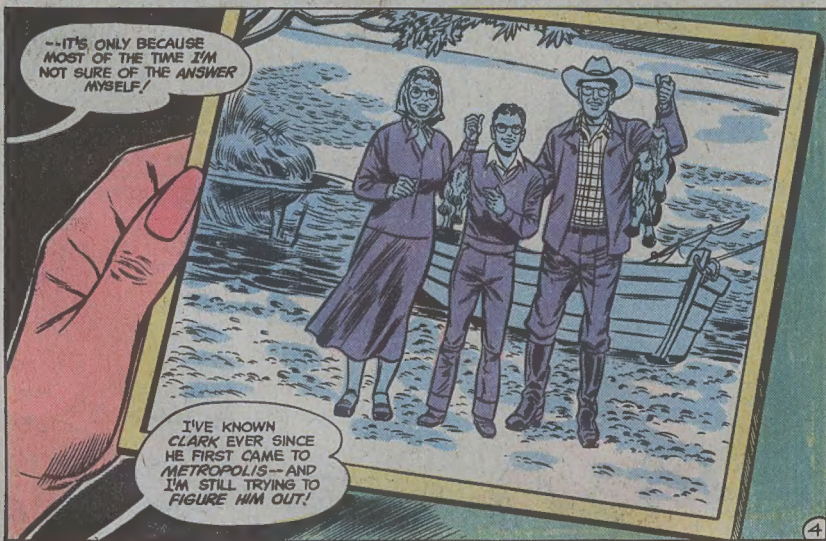
IF YOU DON'T MIND AN OLD MAN'S CURIOSITY, LOIS-- I COULDN'T HELP NOTICING... UNDER ALL THE SNAPPY PATTY... YOU AND CLARK SEEM KINDA CLOSE!



IS THERE ANYTHING BETWEEN YOU TWO KIDS... ROMANTICALLY SPEAKING?

WHEN IT COMES TO SPEAKING ROMANTICALLY, DOUGLAS-- CLARK AND I AREN'T EXACTLY THE GABLE AND LOMBARD OF METROPOLIS!

IF IT SOUNDS LIKE I'M EVADING YOUR QUESTION--

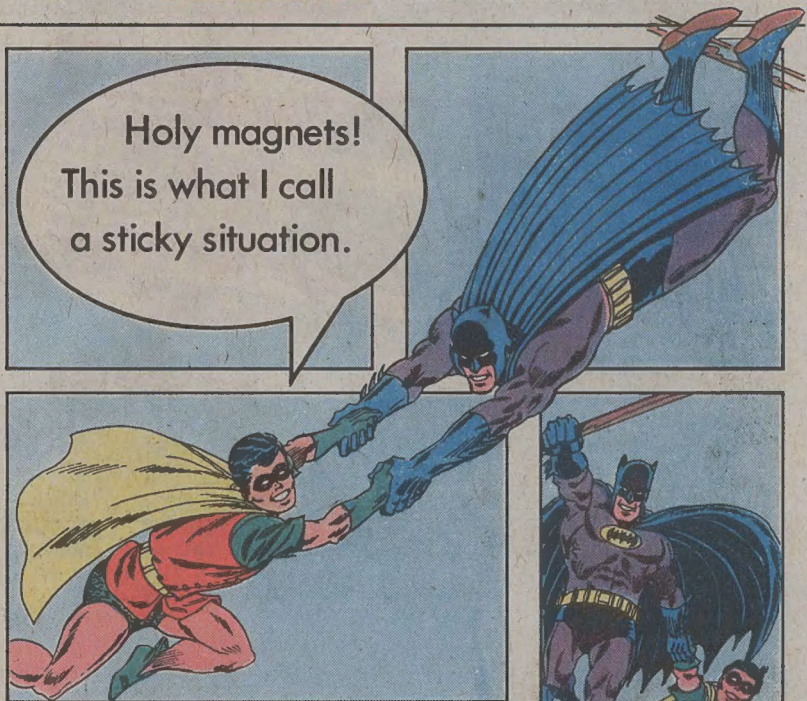


--IT'S ONLY BECAUSE MOST OF THE TIME I'M NOT SURE OF THE ANSWER MYSELF!

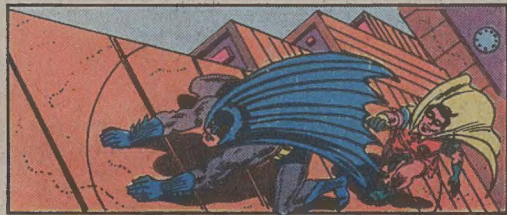
I'VE KNOWN CLARK EVER SINCE HE FIRST CAME TO METROPOLIS-- AND I'M STILL TRYING TO FIGURE HIM OUT!

HERE THEY ARE! BATMAN® & ROBIN™ WITH **MAGNETIC** HANDS AND FEET

Holy magnets!
This is what I call
a sticky situation.



Imagine the adventures you can create with these BIG 12½ inch Super Heroes™. Batman® and Robin—now more dynamic than ever with magnetic hands and feet that stick to almost any metal—even each other! Both are fully poseable and ready for any crime-fighting action.



M
MEGO CORP.™

COMIC STRIPS.

Next time you sit down to a stack of comic books, sit down with a stack of Slim Jim® meat snacks. Chewy, tasty strips of beef jerky. And tender meat sticks in six hearty, satisfying flavors. Pick them up at your neighborhood convenience store, or at the supermarket.

They're a great way to beef up your reading.

slim jim



Remember How Many Times You Felt Left Out

Because You Were BROKE!

Places the gang was going and you weren't included. They all had money for movies, games, hamburgers and soft drinks . . . all of them except you.

WE'LL YOU'LL NEVER BE LEFT OUT AGAIN

Now YOU Can Make \$2, \$5, \$10 or More Week After Week

Introduce

GRIT

**To Friends, Relatives,
Neighbors and Others**

**"America's Greatest Family
Newspaper Since 1882"**

GRIT will Help you Start your Own Business

You will be sent papers, to sell, supplies and selling helps. You pay for nothing in advance so you don't risk a penny. You pay only for the papers you sell until you know how many to order. You have everything to gain—nothing to lose—by starting your own GRIT business. Over 30,000 young persons all over America now sell GRIT. You'll have steady profits and earn free prizes regularly.

HURRY!
SIGN UP NOW

FILL OUT AND MAIL
THIS COUPON IN AN
ENVELOPE TODAY

ORIT PUBLISHING CO.
Wilmington, PA 17701

Papers sent only in the continental U.S.

Print Name and Address

GRIT PUBLISHING CO., Williamsport, PA 17701

NC-49

Send me copies each week.

Nome

Street or RD

Town State

ZIP Code Male or Female

Age Date Born Year

Telephone ()

Please Print Your Last Name Plainly Below

THE
SPRAWLING
FOREST
A FEW
MILES
BEYOND
THE
SMALLVILLE
TOWN
LIMITS...

...WHERE A CERTAIN
SPARKLING
WATERFALL BETRAYS
NO HINT OF THE
MONSTROUS WARRIOR
WHO EMERGED ONLY
MOMENTS AGO!

AND WHAT OF
THE MAN OF
STEEL WHO
SUCCEEDED
THOSE SAME
MOMENTS AGO?



...I'LL TAKE
A LOOK, DOUGLAS!
CLARK PROBABLY
DIDN'T WANDER
FAR...



CLARK?
OH
CLA-RK...

YOU GOT
YOUR FILL
OF FRESH
AIR YET--?



I SHOULD'VE
KNOWN! YOU
STEP OUTSIDE
FOR A BREATH
OF AIR--AND
ALL YOU CAN
DO IS YAWN
INTO IT!

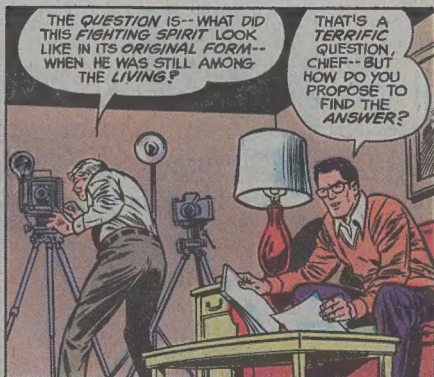
MAYBE I WOULDN'T BE
SO BORED IF I SAW
ONE OF THESE STRANGE
PHANTOMS YOU AND
CHIEF PARKER KEEP
TALKING ABOUT!



PATIENCE, CLARK...
SOMETHING TELLS ME
YOUR TURN WILL
COME!

UNFORTUNATELY,
IT ALREADY
HAS! ONLY
THERE WAS
NOTHING
"GHOSTLY" ABOUT
THE GIANT-BEING
I ENCOUNTERED!

ON THE CONTRARY, IT WAS
SHOCKINGLY, PAINFULLY REAL!



SHORTLY, IN THE KENT BASEMENT -- AFTER CLARK HAS OPENED ONE OF THE SECRET COMPARTMENTS LEFT OVER FROM HIS SUPERBOY DAYS...

THIS SKETCH OF THE GIANT WARRIOR I SAW WILL BE SAFE HERE... RIGHT NEXT TO THE ALTERNATE S-EMBLEM THAT MA KENT MADE FOR ME YEARS AGO!

I'LL BET CHIEF PARKER WOULD FLIP OUT...

THE S WAS MEANT AS A LURE TO BRING ME BACK HERE -- TO THE HOUSE I GREW UP IN!

BUT WHY? NOW THAT THIS MYSTERIOUS ENTITY SEEMS TO HAVE ME WHERE HE WANTS ME --

--WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

...IF I TOLD HIM HE WAS THE ANONYMOUS SENDER WHO MAILED THAT S-SKETCH TO THE DAILY PLANET!

HE HAS NO MEMORY OF DOING IT -- BECAUSE THE PSYCHIC ENTITY DWELLING IN THIS HOUSE SEIZED CONTROL OF HIS MIND AND COMMANDED HIM!

NOT MUCH, FOR THE TIME BEING -- AS A PARTICULARLY UNEVENTFUL DAY UNFOLDS AND USHERS IN NIGHTFALL...

IT'S GETTIN' TO BE A BIT LATE, LOIS! YOU NEEDN'T STAY UP ON MY ACCOUNT!

BELIEVE ME, DOUGLAS... AFTER A DAY AS BORING AS THIS ONE, SLEEP IS ONE THING I DON'T NEED!

WHERE DID MR. EXCITEMENT DISAPPEAR TO?

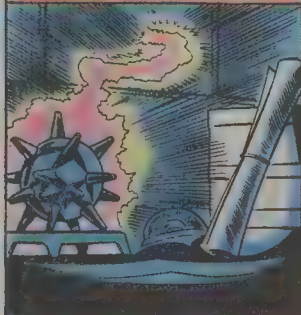
I TOLD HIM TO GO UP TO HIS ROOM, LIE DOWN AND RELAX -- LIKE YOU WERE DOING LAST NIGHT!

I FOLLOW! YOU THINK A PEACEFUL STATE OF MIND WILL INCREASE CLARK'S CHANCES OF A VISIT FROM A GHOSTLY WARRIOR!

IT MIGHT JUST WORK -- ASSUMING CLARK DOESN'T SLEEP THROUGH WHATEVER HAPPENS!

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN THE BASEMENT BELOW -- AN EERIE ENERGY EMANATION EMERGES FROM A SECRET PANEL IN THE WALL...

... A FORM OF ENERGY NOT OF THIS EARTH, BEING EMITTED BY A CERTAIN TREASURED TROPHY-- BROUGHT TO THIS SECRET SHELF LONG AGO FROM A FAR-DISTANT WORLD...



... ENERGY CAPABLE OF PASSING THROUGH SOLID MATTER-- SIFTING ITS WAY UPWARD TO THE SECOND FLOOR AND A CERTAIN BEDROOM...



SMALLVILLE

... INTO THE VERY BRAIN OF ITS RESTING, UNSUSPECTING TARGET...

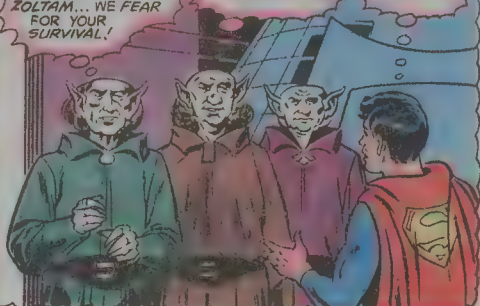
BUT... YOU MUST LISTEN TO ME! ON THE PLANET I COME FROM-- EARTH-- I AM KNOWN AS SUPERBOY!



SU-PER-BOY... DESPITE THE AWESOME POWERS YOU HAVE DISPLAYED HERE ON ZOLTAM... WE FEAR FOR YOUR SURVIVAL!

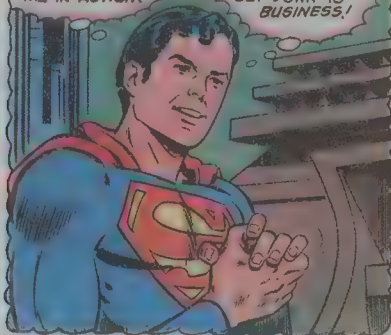
WE BELIEVE YOU UNDERESTIMATE THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS MENACE!

I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN, FRIENDS...



... BUT YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! YOU'LL KNOW WHAT I MEAN-- ONCE YOU SEE ME IN ACTION!

NOW-- WHY DON'T YOU POINT ME TOWARD THIS MONSTER-MENACE OF YOURS SO I CAN GET DOWN TO BUSINESS!



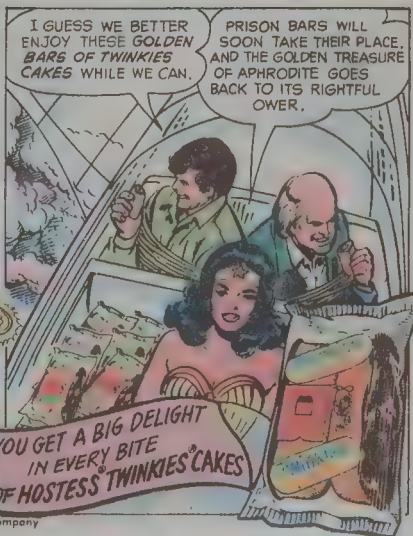
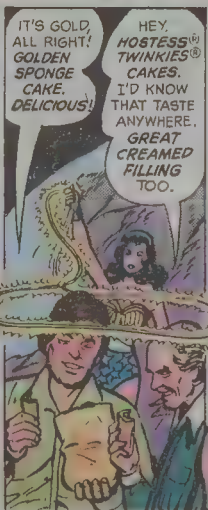
PERHAPS WE HAVE MISJUDGED SU-PER-BOY'S YOUTHFUL CONFIDENCE!

FOR ALL OUR SAKES... I TRUST YOU ARE RIGHT!

OTHERWISE THE GNMOD WILL SURELY RAVAGE OUR LAND!



(CONTINUED ON 337 PAGE FOLLOWING)





THIS IS THE GREATEST COMIC BOOK WITH THE LARGEST CAST OF SUPERIOR PEOPLE EVER CONCEIVED. SUPER-HEROES AND HEROINES JOIN FORCES TO WAGE WAR AGAINST CRIME AND VILLAINY.



THE CAST INCLUDES: SUPERMAN, WONDER WOMAN, BATMAN, GREEN LANTERN, GREEN ARROW, THE FLASH, AQUAMAN, BLACK CANARY, HAWKMAN AND HAWKGIRL, THE ATOM, ELONGATED MAN, ZATANNA AND RED TORNADO.

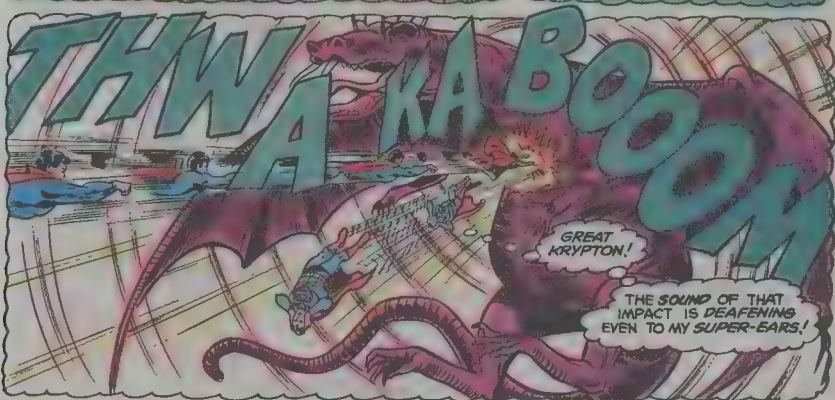
ON SALE EVERYWHERE FEBRUARY 8

GOOD THING I
SPOTTED THAT
BEASTIE ON MY
SPACE-PATROL!
I FOLLOWED
ALONG WHEN I SAW
IT INVADE THIS
PLANET'S
ATMOSPHERE!

I FIGURED IT
HAD TO BE BAD NEWS
FOR ANY WORLD!

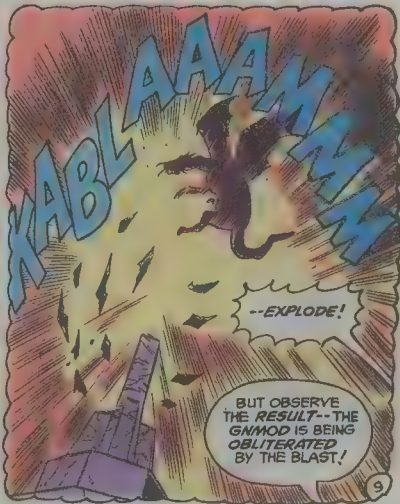
THE ZOLTAMS SAID THE
GNMOD PAYS THEM A VISIT
EVERY GALACTIC YEAR--
WHEN IT PROCEEDS TO
LEAVE A TRAIL OF DEATH
AND DESTRUCTION
BEHIND IT!

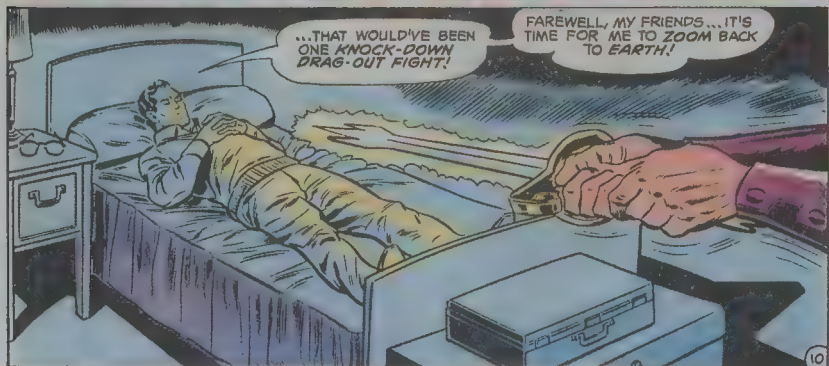
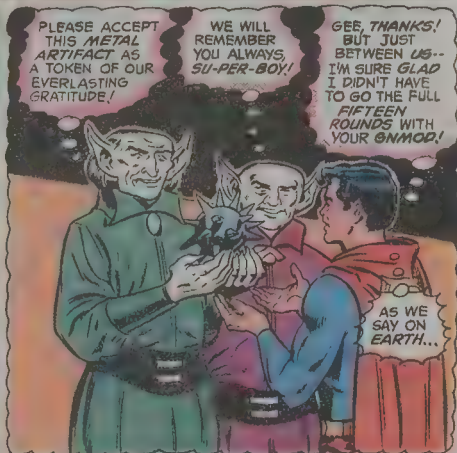
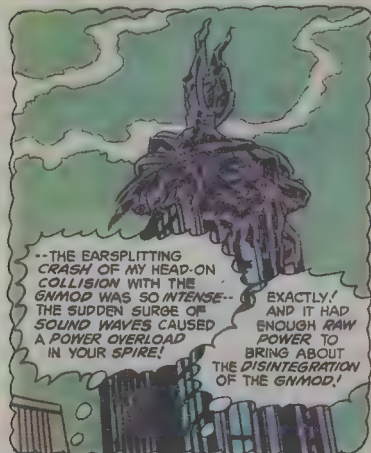
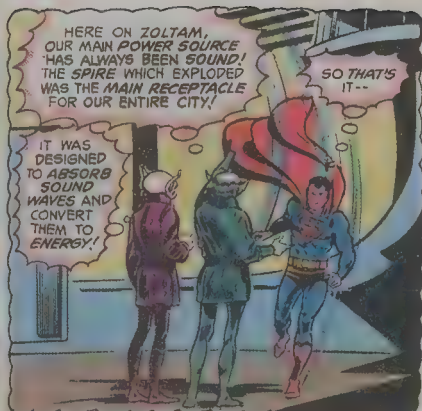
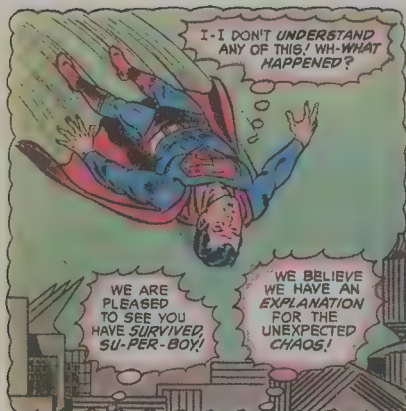
SO IT'S UP
TO ME TO
MAKE THIS
ITS
FAREWELL
APPEARANCE!



LOOK--OUR
POWER-SPIRE
IS GLOWING
OMINOUSLY!

IT'S A
VIOLENT
OVERLOAD!
AT ANY
MOMENT
IT WILL--





Hey Kids, have as much fun
in Fruit Stripe Land as you do
chewing Fruit Stripe Gum.



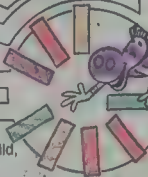
Q: There are two delicious
Fruit Stripe Gums to choose from.
What are they?

A: Fruit Stripe
Regular and
Fruit Stripe Bubble Gum.



Q: Why do we
put all those wild,
colorful, fruity
stripes on every single
stick?

A: To show you that
deeeeee-licious fruity
Fruit Stripe Flavor.



Q: There's a
whole herd of flavors
inside every pack.
How many can
you find?

A: Lemon, Orange,
Cherry, Lime, Grape
and Bubble Gum
flavor, too.



Q: What are the four
different kinds of big,
juicy, easy-to-blow
bubbles?

A: Cherry,
Lemon and
Grape.
Bubble gum.



It sure was fun galloping through Fruit Stripe Land with you.

Regular and Bubble Gum
Fruit Stripe Gum
means
Fruit Stripe Fun



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME TO NEW YORK CITY
AND MEET A CHARACTER IN WONDER WOMAN'S FINEST HOUR?

JUST TELL US WHAT DARING RESCUE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE WONDER WOMAN PERFORM ON HER CBS TELEVISION SERIES. . .



...AND WIN ONE OF THESE FABULOUS PRIZES!

GRAND PRIZE: An all-expenses paid "Wonder Woman Weekend" in New York for the winner and a parent, chaperone or guest. Three days and two nights at the world-famous Drake Hotel. Dinner at Sardi's and the Four Seasons. Visits to New York's tourist attractions...and an afternoon at DC Comics, where the winner will become part of an upcoming Wonder Woman story!

RUNNERS-UP will be eligible to receive:
25 Wonder Woman wristwatches!
50 Wonder Woman sleeping bags!
100 Wonder Woman lunch boxes!

JUST FINISH THIS SENTENCE IN 50 WORDS OR LESS...

"The daring rescue I would like to see Wonder Woman perform is..." and include your name, address, telephone number and age, so we can contact you if you're a winner! It's fun...it's easy...and it's the most wonderful prize in comics history! So **ENTER NOW!**



RULES



1. All entries become the property of Warner Bros. Inc. and DC Comics Inc., and will be judged by a panel appointed by them on the basis of originality, ingenuity and entertainment value:

2. All entries must be signed by the contestant, and in the event contestant is a minor, by his or her parent or legal guardian. Any entry not bearing the appropriate signature will be discarded.

3. Contestants acknowledge that Warner Bros. Inc. and DC Comics Inc. have the right, but not the obligation, without further consideration, to use all or any part of the entries in connection with the television show, **"THE NEW ADVENTURES OF WONDER WOMAN"** or the **WONDER WOMAN** comic, and that winners hereby lend their likeness and name to Warner Bros. Inc. and DC Comics Inc. in connection with publicity relative to this contest.

4. Contestant and their parent or legal guardian release Warner Bros. Inc. and DC Comics Inc. from any responsibility or liability for any loss or damages incurred hereby in connection with the granting of prizes and/or trips other than for the gross negligence of Warner Bros. Inc. and DC Comics Inc.

5. Only entries received by April 30, 1979, will be considered. Winners will be notified by mail and their names will be announced in the November 1979 issue of **WONDER WOMAN** and other DC Comics.



SEND ALL ENTRIES TO:



WONDER WOMAN CONTEST

ATT: DAVID HOROWITZ
BOX #7756

BURBANK, CALIFORNIA 91510



THE COMPLETE SUPER-STORIES! ALL NEW!

SUPERBOY ★ SUPERGIRL ★ LOIS LANE
★ JIMMY OLSEN ★ CLARK KENT
★ MR. AND MRS. SUPERMAN

THE

SUPERMAN FAMILY

APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE
AUTHORITY

THE BEST COMIC BOOKS FOR YOUR COMIC BUCK
68 PAGES - NO ADS - ALL NEW

68
PAGES
NO
ADS
FROM
COVER
TO
COVER!

FLASH ★ WONDER WOMAN ★ DEADMAN ★ AQUAMAN
★ THE JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA ★

ADVENTURE COMICS

ALL NEW! 68 PAGES!
NO ADS! 3 CHILLING COMICS IN 1!

WITCHING MEN! ★ SECRETS

UNEXPECTED

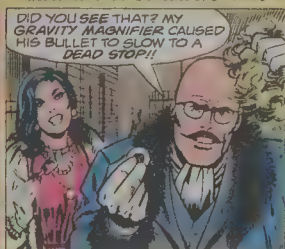
ON SALE EVERYWHERE FEBRUARY 8



He's **LEX LUTHOR**—and his latest, deadliest scheme will terrorize all of Metropolis! How can **SUPERMAN** and his friends stop him? To find out, get in on the latest **SUPERMAN** saga in



APPEARING IN AMERICA'S LEADING NEWSPAPERS!

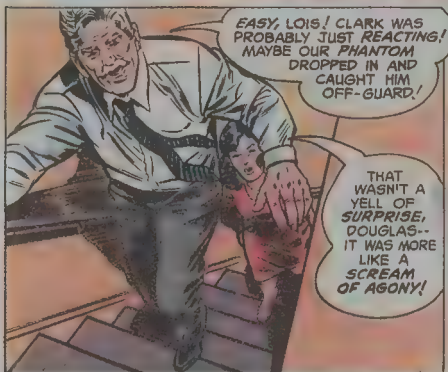


What?! The Superheroes, starring **SUPERMAN**, aren't appearing in your local paper? Write the editor and ask "Why not?"

©1979 DC COMICS INC. 1979 D-517 Distributed By C. F. E. INC.

EACH MONTH--





NONE OF IT MAKES SENSE, UNLESS--

THAT DREAM I JUST HAD... RECALLING MY BOYHOOD CLASH ON A DISTANT PLANET WITH THE MONSTROUS GNMOD...

... MAYBE THAT WAS NO COINCIDENCE!

YOU CLAIM TO BE MY "ULTIMATE ENEMY"... THAT WE HAVE CLASHED BEFORE--?

MAKE ME BELIEVE IT! ON WHAT PLANET--

--ON ZOLTAM-- WHERE OUR FIRST CONFRONTATION WAS VIOLENTLY INTERRUPTED...

"...WHEN MY PHYSICAL ESSENCE WAS ELIMINATED BEFORE YOUR EYES!"

"...BUT WHAT EVEN YOUR EYES COULD NOT SEE WAS MY INDESTRUCTIBLE ASTRAL ESSENCE RISING FROM THE DESTRUCTION..."

"...TO TAKE REFUGE INSIDE THE TOKEN OF GRATITUDE PRESENTED TO YOU BY THE ZOLTAMS!"

"EVER SINCE YOU UNWITTINGLY BROUGHT ME BACK WITH YOU TO EARTH-- I HAVE BEEN PLANNING AND AWAITING THIS MOMENT--"

--OUR FINAL CONFRONTATION!

IT HAS REQUIRED OVER A DECADE OF YOUR SOLAR YEARS FOR MY ASTRAL ESSENCE TO RISE AGAIN-- BUT MERELY A FLEETING MOMENT BY MY OWN SPAN OF TIME!

AND AS YOU DISCOVERED AT THE WATERFALL, I AM NO LONGER A HARMLESS PHANTOM--

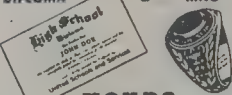
--I HAVE REGENERATED MYSELF INTO A PHYSICAL ENTITY AGAIN--

--FULLY CAPABLE OF DEALING YOU A DEATHBLOW-- THEREBY WINNING OUR LONG-DELAYED DUEL!

HIGH SCHOOL

DIPLOMA

& RING



YOURS THROUGH HOME STUDY

PREPARE FOR GEO OR COLLEGE ENTRANCE

United Schools and Services

401 North Interurban • Richardson, Texas 75080

Texts Purchased By: Departments of Education • Private Schools • Colleges

Mail This Coupon NOW For Persons 16 or Over

UNITED SCHOOLS AND SERVICES DEPT. C-568

Box 1089, Richardson, Texas 75080

Please Return FREE Information about High School.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Apt. _____

City/State/Zip _____

No Salesmen Will Call

STAR TREK - Buttons, patches etc. Every thing from the show is for sale. Most items under \$1.00. Send \$3.00 to: BATTLESTAR ENTERPRISES 22 East Grant Ave., Roselle Park, N.J. 07204

COMIC BOOKS

FOR SALE

250,000 in stock. Complete Marvel & DC Groups from 1935-1978. Also TV Guides, Art, Mags, Pulps, Doc Savage, Walt Disney, Movie Items, and more. Send list with prices.

GIANT CATALOG 75¢

HOWARD D. ROSENBERG

P.O. Box 1102-Flushing, N.Y. 11354

BEST BY MAIL

For Rates: Write Box 5, Sarasota, FL 3578

THEATRICAL special effects: colored explosions, smoke, lightning effects, Catalog \$2.50, Limerick, Box 1229, N.Y.C. 10025

PHOTOS! Batman, Hulk, more. Catalog \$2.50. Superheroes: 3 Woodland, Keansburg, N.J. 07334

\$250.00 WEEKLY stuffing envelopes. Start immediately. National, X3364, Indianapolis, FL 32903

FREE ladies jewelry catalog Shenandoah, Box 459, Fernpark, FL 32730

HYPNOTIC command! Complete hypnosis kit. Full instructions included. \$2.00. Maramba, Box 5063, Jackson, Ms. 39216

EARN \$1500 monthly. Easy home income, mailing circulars! Write: Mailhouse, Box 68403-NC, Portland, Or. 97268

FREE money! \$135,000.00 in unused scholarships. Write: Edward Gould, 7513 Tioiga St., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15208

PICK locks, bugging-tools, instructions. Much more! \$1.00 (refundable). NEP, Box 8741, Atlanta, 30306

FREE balloons!!! Send stamp: Henry Associates, Box 473-C, Springfield, N.J. 07081

\$300 WEEKLY clipping news items! World Wide Marketing, Box 94, Dundee, IL 60118

\$1200.00 MONTHLY possible correcting pupils' lessons!! Start immediately. Free report. Send self-addressed stamped envelope. Home, Box 9201-VLP, San Diego, Ca. 92109

Your own Beautiful

EUREKA LOG HOME

and exciting business as a dealer.

Only \$1700.00

plus the purchase of the model of your choice, call Collect Now 501-423-3396

Eureka Log Homes, Inc.

WRITE RIGHT NOW!

Write advertisers direct. For information about this page write S. Schwarz & Co. 355 LEXINGTON AVE., N.Y., N.Y. 10017

FlyCenturi Rockets!

Catalog & Magazine Only 50¢

Join the thousands who fly Centuri model rockets, NEW Flying Saucer, Cruise Missile, and many more.

● CATALOG: info, photos, & Aerospace Team.

● "Rocket Times" MAGAZINE: tips, contests, SF photos, news.

Send 50¢ to: Centuri, Dept. 102-B Box 1988, Phoenix, AZ 85001

Bought ESTELL COMICS Sold

Want low prices, fast service, great choice of Marvel & D.C. Send 25¢ for our catalog and a 25¢ Estell Buck good on first purchase to Estell Comics, Box 23442, San Diego, CA 92123.



TONGA BANANA STAMP & 110 OTHERS ONLY 10¢!

A genuine postage stamp from tropical Tonga - shaped like a real banana! Ten big Russian pictorials; a Russian bi-plane, the Zis passenger car, Saffron flowers from the Caucasus, Pravda's 50th anniversary, a tribute to Rembrandt's 370th birthday. Plus, a bonus of 100 world-wide stamps. Also other exciting stamps to examine free. Buy any or none return balance, cancel service anytime, but this huge collection of 111 stamps is yours to keep for only 10¢. H.E. HARRIS, Dept. IR-130, Boston, MA 02117

SECRET CODE SPY KIT!!

EXCITING 7 piece set contains encoding/decoding devices, Illustrated SECRET CODE SPY MANUAL with 26 Codes & Ciphers, Complete Spy Instructions-Shadowing, Message Drops, Secret Writing. PLUS-How to Start Your Own SECRET CODE SPY CLUB, Games & Lots More! Not sold in stores. Rush \$3.00 to: GRAHAM, 2187 Barrett DB179, San Jose, CA 95124

POEMS SET TO MUSIC

Let our staff of professional songwriters turn your words into a song. Send your best poems for prompt consideration. FREE EXAMINATION

Songs recorded - phonograph records made. NASHVILLE MUSIC PRODUCTIONS Box 40001, Studio 16, Nash., Tn. 37204

KIDS! BUILD YOUR OWN

flying saucer!

This model

really flies!

Patterns & instructions

Send \$2.00 check or

money order to: U.F.O. P.O. Box 11278, Kansas City, Mo. 64119

COMIC BOOKS SALE

1940 to 1976

over 100,000 in stock

50¢ for complete list

Robert Bell, Box 18 Hauppauge, N.Y. 11767

The Only Complete SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR KIT

Also FREE Badge Flasher with each kit

Badge - Carrying Case - Special I.D. Card - Badge Flasher

Not for sale to N.Y.S. residents

\$3.95 Plus \$5.00 Post

System of SPECIAL POLICE - PRIVATE DETECTIVE - SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR

Plus FREE Booklet "How To Detect & Solve Crimes"

by A Leading Authority

Best Buy Around! Professional type complete kit. Genuinely styled heavy silver badge, leatherette case, authentic I.D. Card, Badge Flasher. Same in most details as used by private & special investigators everywhere. B103 Dept. IK2 150 Nassau St. N.Y., N.Y. 10038

PLANS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR

Go Kart	\$2.50
Mini Bike	\$2.00
Mini Car	\$3.00
12" Sail Boat	\$4.00
Front Tractor w/ Kart	\$10.00
With Gearless Differential	\$10.00
Mini Jeep	\$3.00
Pedal Boat	\$4.00
8 H.P. Tractor	\$10.00

Motor Vehicle Plans Dept. V1 Chester, N.Y. 12921

"COMIC HEROES ILLUSTRATED"

Pictorial romances! Widely acclaimed! \$5 PPD. Rex Miller/Star Route Box 331-J/E, Prairie, Mo. 63645. List \$1.

JAWS

GIANT MAN EATING TIGER SHARK JAWS \$3.95

BOX 701 - BIG PINE KEY, FLORIDA 33043

An Atlas Body? In 7 days

my method of DYNAMIC-TENSION starts giving you results that you feel and your friends will notice. Big, useful muscles. Gain pounds in weight where needed. Lose "pot belly." Send me your name and address for my 32-page book-FREE

CHARLES ATLAS
49 West 23rd St.
New York, N.Y. 10010
Dept. E81

"PLEASE DAN — HELP ME PUT AN END TO MY SKINNY BODY"



Dear Dan,

I am 13 years old. I am so skinny, my shoulder bones show. I have no big muscles. I am weak ... I also have skinny arms. When the boys at school tell me to hand-wrestle, they take me down. I always get beat up. The children at school call me boney, even the teacher. Please, Dan, help me put an end to my skinny body ... I want to get built up - to pay those boys back. Please, Dan, help me get into shape.

Yours truly,
Howard B., South Carolina

WHAT HAPPENED TO HOWARD? HE SENT FOR MY COURSE AND IS NOW MAKING FANTASTIC MUSCLE GAINS! YOU CAN TOO! LET ME...

- Add 3 Inches to Your Arms - **1/2" PER WEEK** • ADD 5 Inches to Your Chest - **1" PER WEEK**
- Add Inches of Power-Packed Muscle All Over Your Body - **3" PER WEEK**

(Orig. letter is in this file; copy sent on request)

HERE'S PROOF:



ANIBAL LOPEZ, 1979 "Mr. America" says: "Never thought I could gain any real muscle because of my short size. But look at me now—after Dan's great system!"



DON ROSS, 1978 "MR. AMERICA" says: "I wanted Big, Powerful Muscles—and GOT them FAST with Dan's fantastic System". It really "persuades muscles to grow!"



JOE SPOONER, 1978 (Tah Class) "MR. AMERICA" says: "Never dreamed I could go from a skinny nothing to a muscular powerhouse. Quick and Easy!"

Only
9
COURSE
NOTHING MORE TO PAY!

100% MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE: You must gain inches of Powerful Muscles FAST - or return everything for a quick refund. You've nothing to lose and a Super Physique to gain!

FREE! - with Course, 1 year membership in World Body Building Guild, Free Bodybuilding Newsletter, colorful jacket patch, official ID card, 10% discount on all Lurie bodybuilding products and lots MORE! Act NOW!

DO WHAT HOWARD AND THE CHAMPS ON THIS PAGE DID - MAIL COUPON TODAY!

Yes, I'm helping Howard put an end to his skinny body because my amazing **Instant-Action POSITRAIN** System works **FAST!** With incredible, unbelievable speed, it will pack slabs of handsome muscles all over his body—with pie-driver strength to match!

This same revolutionary muscle-building system worked for Anibal, Don and Joe and other great champions. It can work for YOU, too! I don't care what shape you're in now—or how young or old you are—my **exclusive**

BELIEVE IT! Right before your eyes—in almost no time—you'll see inches of power packed muscle G-R-O-W on your arms, chest, shoulders and legs.

Skinny? My Instant-Action POSITRAIN method will make your body swell with shirt-busting muscles **QUICK!**—

And my System is simple and easy to follow. Written in inspiring, straightforward body-builder language—IT'S THE MOST MODERN, FASTEST-WORKING SYSTEM EVER DISCOVERED! FULL ILLUSTRATED WITH EXCITING, SHARP PHOTOS OF TODAY'S CHAMPIONS—NOT WITH CHEAP, EXAGGERATED DRAWINGS YOU GET WITH OTHER COURSES.

AMAZING PRICE! My Big Complete Course is just \$9.95 and it's comparable to courses costing \$40 to \$50! Nothing more to pay. No annoying time payments. No waiting weeks for lessons to arrive. **YOU GET THESE COMPLETE "MUSCLE-BUILDING DYNAMITE" COURSE AT ONCE!**

DAN LURIE HEALTH & FITNESS, INC.
Dept. DC-59A
723 - 7th Ave., New York, N.Y. 10036

OKAY DAN I want a Strong Powerful Body **FAST**. Rush your Complete "Instant-Action" POSITRAIN Course and Free 1 year membership in your World Body Building Guild with all Free Gifts as described above. Enclosed is \$9.95 plus \$1 for postage. If not satisfied, I may return everything for a full refund of the purchase price.

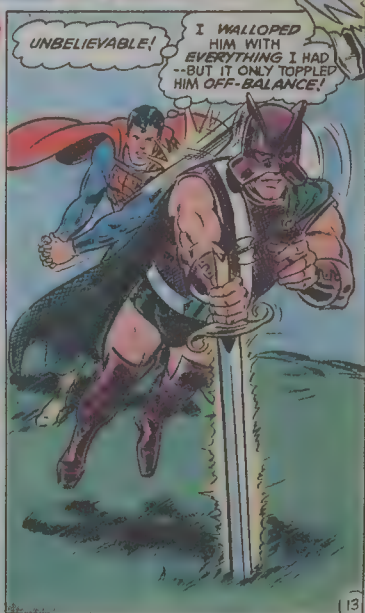
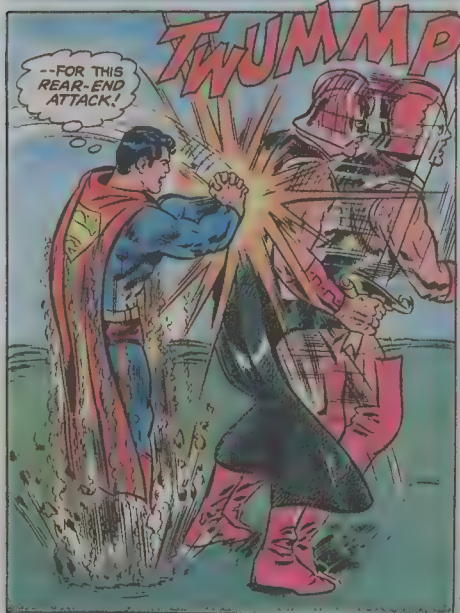
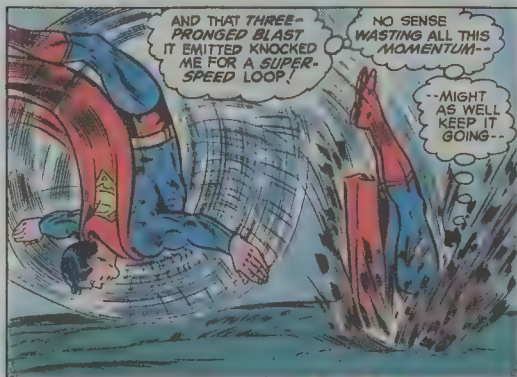
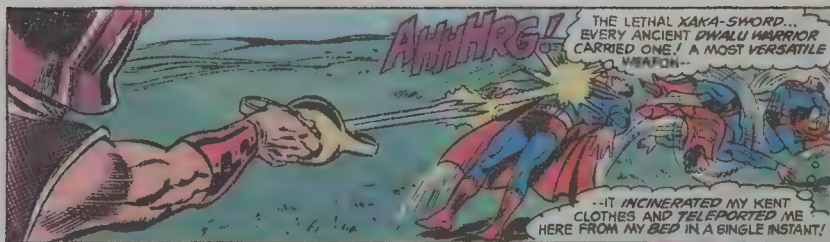
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

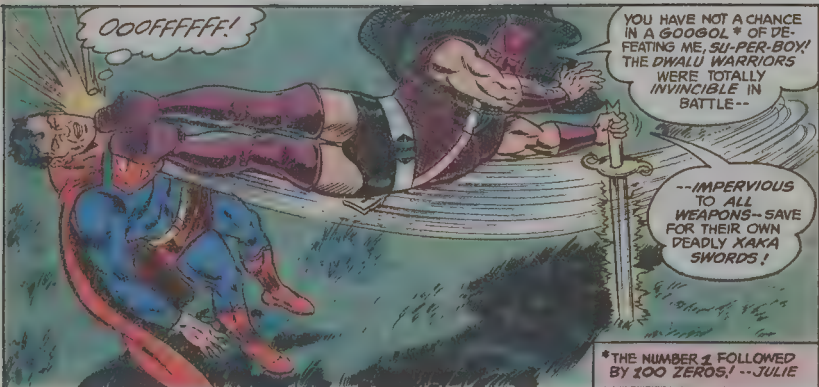


DAN LURIE, World-famous "Molder of Champions", 3-time winner, "Most Muscular Man in America", TV star. Holder of many strength and endurance records.

DAN LURIE HEALTH & FITNESS DEPT DC-59A

723 7th Ave., New York, NY 10036



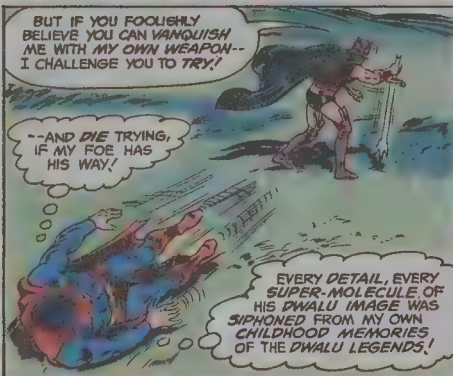


OOOFFFFF!

YOU HAVE NOT A CHANCE
IN A GOOGOL * OF DE-
FEATING ME, SU-PER-BOY!
THE DWALU WARRIORS
WERE TOTALLY
INVINCIBLE IN
BATTLE--

--IMPERVIOUS
TO ALL
WEAPONS-- SAVE
FOR THEIR OWN
DEADLY XAKA
SWORDS!

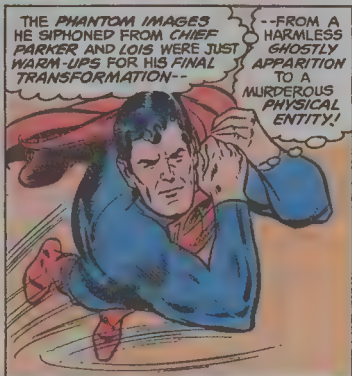
*THE NUMBER 1 FOLLOWED
BY 100 ZEROS! --JULIE



BUT IF YOU FOOLISHLY
BELIEVE YOU CAN VANQUISH
ME WITH MY OWN WEAPON--
I CHALLENGE YOU TO TRY!

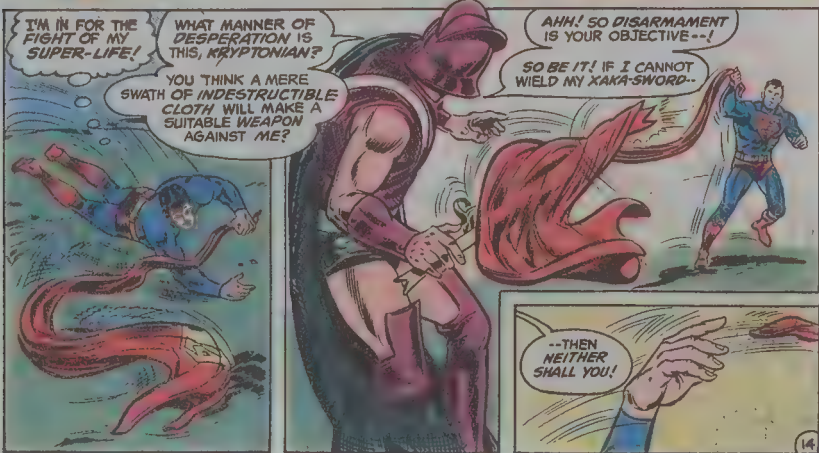
--AND DIE TRYING,
IF MY FOE HAS
HIS WAY!

EVERY DETAIL, EVERY
SUPER-MOLECULE OF
HIS DWALU IMAGE WAS
SIPHONED FROM MY OWN
CHILDHOOD MEMORIES
OF THE DWALU LEGENDS!



THE PHANTOM IMAGES
HE SIPHONED FROM CHIEF
PARKER AND LOIS WERE JUST
WARM-UPS FOR HIS FINAL
TRANSFORMATION--

--FROM A
HARMLESS
GHOSTLY
APPARITION
TO A
MURDEROUS
PHYSICAL
ENTITY!



I'M IN FOR THE
FIGHT OF MY
SUPER-LIFE!

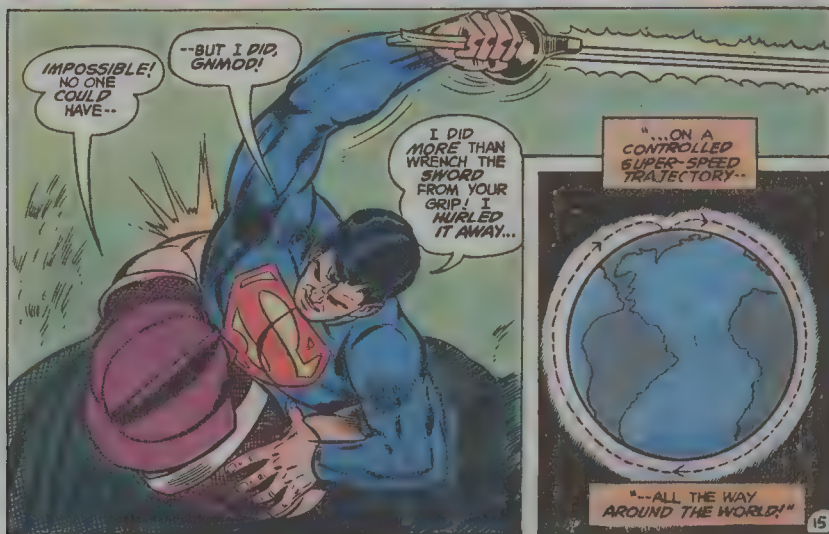
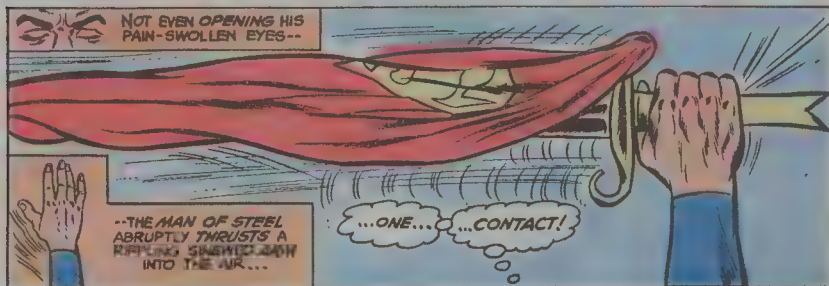
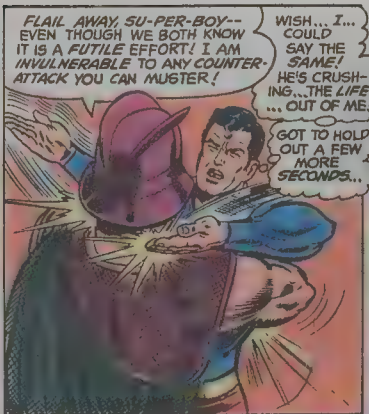
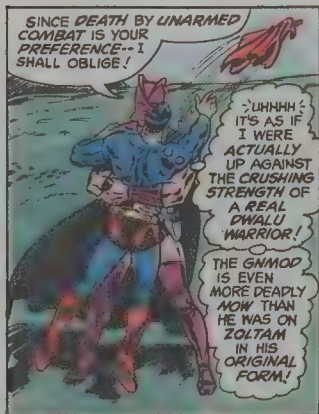
WHAT MANNER OF
DESPERATION IS
THIS, KRYPTONIAN?

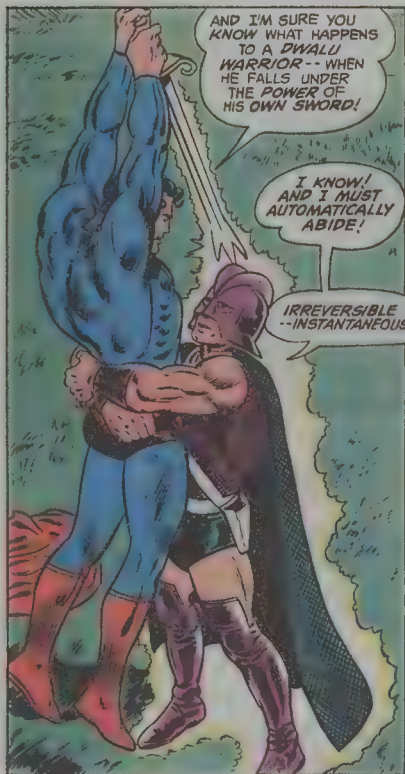
YOU THINK A MERE
SWATH OF INDESTRUCTIBLE
CLOTH WILL MAKE A
SUITABLE WEAPON
AGAINST ME?

AHH! SO DISARMAMENT
IS YOUR OBJECTIVE--!

SO BE IT! IF I CANNOT
WIELD MY XAKA-SWORD--

--THEN
NEITHER
SHALL YOU!

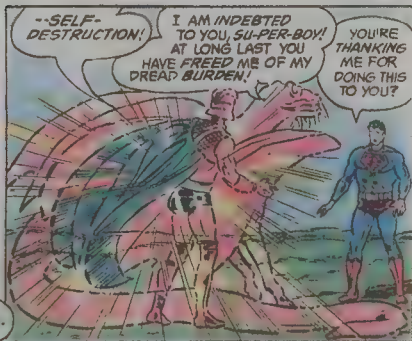




AND I'M SURE YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO A DWALU WARRIOR-- WHEN HE FALLS UNDER THE POWER OF HIS OWN SWORD!

I KNOW! AND I MUST AUTOMATICALLY ABIDE!

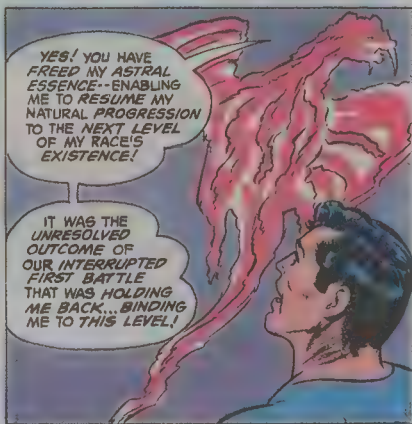
IRREVERSIBLE
--INSTANTANEOUS--



--SELF-DESTRUCTION!

I AM INDEBTED TO YOU, SU-PER-BOY! AT LONG LAST YOU HAVE FREED ME OF MY DREAD BURDEN!

YOU'RE THANKING ME FOR DOING THIS TO YOU?



YES! YOU HAVE FREED MY ASTRAL ESSENCE-- ENABLING ME TO RESUME MY NATURAL PROGRESSION TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF MY RACE'S EXISTENCE!

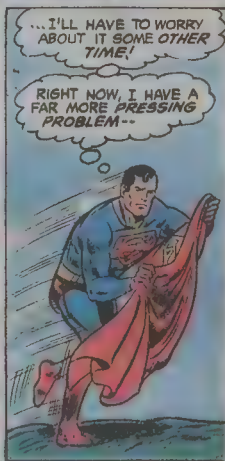
IT WAS THE UNRESOLVED OUTCOME OF OUR INTERRUPTED FIRST BATTLE THAT WAS HOLDING ME BACK... BINDING ME TO THIS LEVEL!



BUT NOW THAT YOU HAVE EMERGED TRIUMPHANT... MY ASTRAL ESSENCE IS FINALLY AT PEACE!

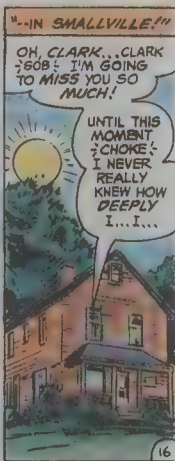
FAREWELL, SU-PER-BOY! BE FOREWARNED-- IN MY NEXT INCARNATION ... IT WILL BE I WHO AM THE SUPERIOR BEING!

IF THAT'S A THREAT...



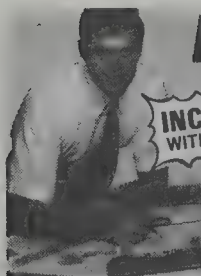
... I'LL HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT SOME OTHER TIME!

RIGHT NOW, I HAVE A FAR MORE PRESSING PROBLEM--



--IN SMALLVILLE!
OH, CLARK... CLARK! GOSH! I'M GOING TO MISS YOU SO MUCH!

UNTIL THIS MOMENT I CHOKED! I NEVER REALLY KNEW HOW DEEPLY I... I...



Be a Draftsman

Learn at home in spare time with no previous experience

**INCLUDED!
WITH COURSE**

... Salaries for draftsmen climbed 23% during the 3 years from 1973 to 1976, according to 1977 survey of 12,000 draftsmen by American Institute for Design & Drafting. Because opportunities vary from one area to another, we ask you to look into the job market in your area and see how many jobs are available in the field of drafting. We supply necessary equipment plus easy-to-master, step-by-step instructions. Our professional staff guides you all the way.

**THESE 3 BIG
DRAFTING KITS***

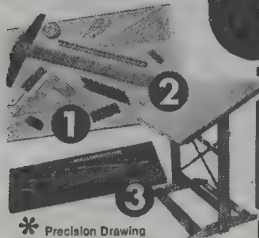
when you train at home with us for a

**FINE JOB IN
DRAFTING!**

RUSH COUPON FOR FREE KIT...

Mail coupon today for FREE "DRAFTING CAREER KIT." Color Brochure, "Careers in Drafting" — jam-packed with revealing facts on opportunities in drafting and how to train at home in spare time... plus, valuable 5-way Drafting Instrument. Everything sent FREE and WITHOUT OBLIGATION. No salesman will call.

GI and VA Benefits!



* Precision Drawing Instrument Set, Professional Drafting Board Outfit & Professional Tilted Drafting Table are included with your complete North American Course in Drafting

North American School of Drafting, Dept. RKO29
4500 Campus Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92663

We are proud of these comments sent to us by students and graduates when we asked them to evaluate our course. They may or may not be typical because opportunities vary from time to time and from one place to another. But these comments show what can be done by those who set their goals high and go after what they want.

56% SALARY INCREASE "Upon earning this diploma, I was made senior draftsman and my salary increased by 56%. I owe such an achievement to North American School of Drafting and its wonderful staff.

... Elsie Farrell

ALL FREE!
Rush Coupon today!

**YOUR FUTURE
IN DRAFTING**
APITUDE TEST



HIS DRAFTING COURSE REALLY PAYS OFF!

"I am presently working as a field engineer helping to build a new plant for Allied Chemical and am putting all my training from your school to a lot of use."

... Gary B. Bidleman

North American School of Drafting, Dept. RKO29
4500 Campus Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92663

Rush free "DRAFTING CAREER KIT"! Show me how, for just a few dollars a month, I can prepare for a good job in Drafting. No salesman will call.

Name

Address

City State Zip

SEE



READ



TM and © DC COMICS INC., 1978

CATCH MORE FISH, BIGGER FISH...

OR YOUR MONEY BACK!

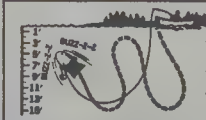
"Action" Fish Lure Swims By Its Own Power!

ACTION LURE swims, dives, flops like a crippled minnow! Buzzes like a dying insect! Drives pan fish, game fish, salt water fish into a frenzy! Gets savage bites that simply can't pull loose from your hook!

Completely under its own power, ACTION LURE swims and dives like a live darting minnow, then returns to the surface to dive again and again, even on a slack line! As amazing ACTION LURE dives down deep to where the big ones are lurking, fish see its free swimming action, hear its buzzing sound, and bite savagely utterly without fear or hesitation!

**Swims & dives to 15 feet!
No tugging; no pulling!**

ACTION LURE swims by itself without being pulled. It swims various depths down to 15 feet for up to one hour or more, with a slow, erratic minnow motion that no fresh or salt water fish can resist, all the time sending out its enticing buzzing insect sound to attract fish from yards away!



Yes, ACTION LURE hauls in trophy size big mouthed bass, small mouthed bass, pike, pickerel, perch, walleye, dogfish, catfish, trout, and every other conceivable type of pan fish, game fish, and salt water fish! Eye-popping catches are reported from every section of the country, so we say "Prove it to yourself!" Use ACTION LURE for a full month, see for yourself how you catch more fish, bigger fish, how your friends insist on learning your amazing fishing secret.

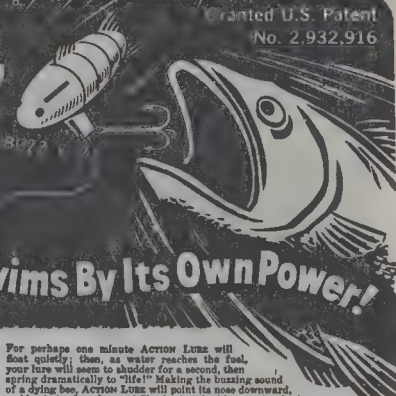
Works like magic even when other lures and bait fail completely!

You'll haul in limit catches when others aren't even getting a nibble. In lakes, streams, rivers, oceans, wherever you fish! Just picture your self-propelled ACTION LURE slashing through the water in brilliant reds, whites & yellows, only 3' long yet carrying enough fuel to cut through the water for as much as one full hour with a single load! Plunging down to fifteen foot depths, rising again to the surface almost once every minute, ACTION LURE plows through the water tirelessly, pulling in the big ones from hundreds of yards around you!

Here's how ACTION LURE works: All you do is snap open the fuel chamber, drop in two pellets of fuel, and close the fuel chamber again. Takes less than 60 seconds; you don't even dirty your hands! And then... simply cast or lower ACTION LURE into fresh or salt water, and get set for the fishing thrill of your life!

ACTION LURE GUARANTEE

ACTION LURE is guaranteed to catch more fish and bigger fish in every kind of water, in every kind of weather. If you are not completely satisfied in every respect, return ACTION LURE within 30 days for complete refund.



For perhaps one minute ACTION LURE will float quietly; then, as water reaches the fuel, your lure will seem to shudder for a second, then spring dramatically to "life!" Making the buzzing sound of a dying bee, ACTION LURE will point its nose downward, and begin its first descent! Slowly, jerkily, like a maimed minnow, it will swim noisily downward, buzzing and humming, traveling about nine feet every fifteen seconds! If no fish intercepts it, its descent automatically stops, it slowly raises up its nose and climbs to the surface again!

And again! And again! Tirelessly, hour after hour, far beyond the reach of your own cast! Booming restlessly over every foot of water beneath you - even on slack line - even when your boat is tied up - even when you're curled upon the dock, sound asleep! And all the while ACTION LURE is swimming and buzzing and driving the fish around you to such a frenzy they practically tear the rod out of your hands!

World's first self-propelled lure!

No wonder this revolutionary ACTION LURE took six full years to develop! Here's what ACTION LURE will do for YOU!...

It frees you forever from the filthy tasks of digging for worms & crawlers, catching frogs, or paying 50c to \$1 for a bucket of minnows that die on you before you can even get them into your boat! It frees you forever from paying \$3, \$4, or even \$5 for those fancy "Dead-as-a-Duck" lures that only work when you tow them!

Tomorrow, for the first time in your life, you'll be weighing down your boat with bass, trout, pike, pickerel, perch... limit catches of pan fish, game fish, fresh and salt water fish, wherever you can drop a line! You'll fish better, novice or pro - sound asleep at the bottom of your boat, than most fishermen sweating and casting till their arms ache from exhaustion!

And you'll have the time of your life, amazing your friends and family with your hauls, and seeing your fishermen friend's eyes pop as they watch your incredible self-propelled ACTION LURE at work!

Try one full month at our expense!

You have nothing to lose! Fish with ACTION LURE for one full month entirely at our risk! Cost is only \$2.99. You receive ACTION LURE plus enough fuel to last up to a full year, together with complete instructions. Four "alluring" colors: red, green, orange, yellow. Order all four for only \$10.00; you get four times as much fuel, and you save \$1.95.

ACTION LURE, DEPT. 0000, U.S. P.O. BOX 69440, LOS ANGELES, CA 90069

MAIL NO-RISK COUPON TODAY!

ACTION LURE, DEPT. 2023

U.S. P.O. BOX 69440, LOS ANGELES, CA 90069

Please send me ACTION LURES as checked below; it is clearly understood I must be completely satisfied in every respect or I may return ACTION LURES within 30 days for complete refund.

- ☐ 1 ACTION LURE with full year's supply of fuel, \$2.99; plus 50c postage and handling.
- ☐ 2 ACTION LURES, each a different color, each with a full year's supply of fuel, \$5.50 plus 75c postage and handling. (Save 48c)
- ☐ 4 ACTION LURES, each a different color, each with a full year's supply of fuel, \$10.00 plus \$1.00 postage and handling. (Save \$1.95)

GET LIMIT CATCHES! ORDER EXTRA FUEL PELLETS

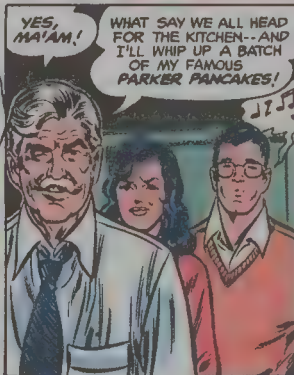
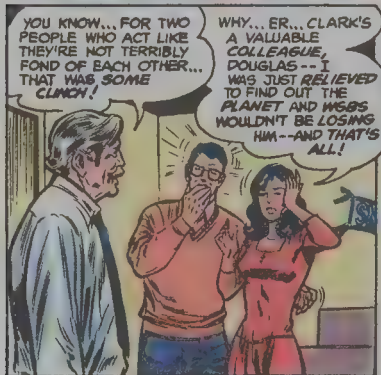
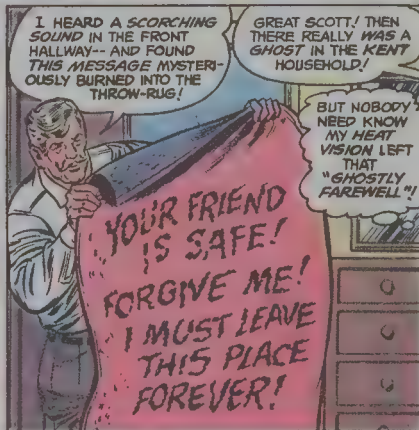
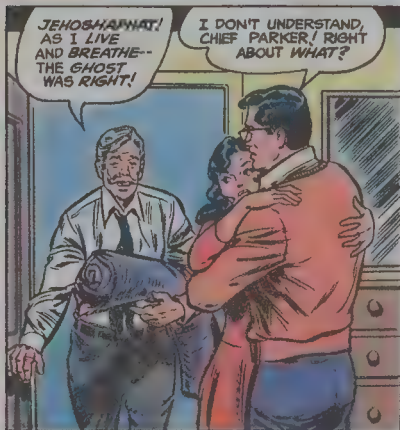
- ☐ 1 pack (50 pellets) only \$1.00.
- ☐ 2 packs (100 pellets) only \$1.75. Save 25c!
- ☐ 6 packs (300 pellets) only \$4.98. Save \$1.00!

☐ \$_____ Payment enclosed: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ M.O.
COD OK: I enclose \$1.00 deposit for each ACTION LURE ordered; I agree to pay balance plus COD & postal charges.

Name _____

Address _____

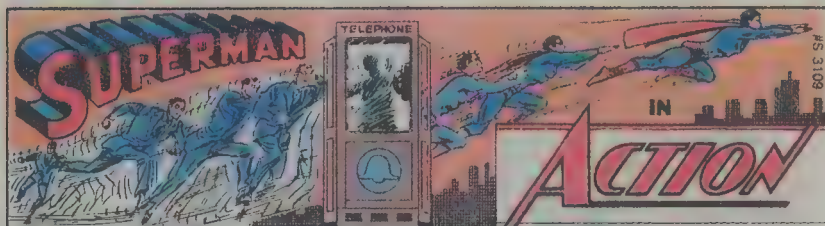
City _____ State and Zip _____



NEXT ISSUE:
IN THE BOTTLE-CITY OF KANDOR, SUPERMAN PICKS UP A DISEASE GERM-- WHICH HE UNKNOWINGLY SPREADS OVER EARTH! CAN HE SAVE THE WORLD FROM THE PLAGUE HE STARTED--

"DEATH OUT OF A BOTTLE"

ON SALE MARCH 22!



c/o DC COMICS, INC., 75 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10019

Dear Editor:

I'm usually not overly enthused by multi-part stories because, despite the efforts of the author, the second and third parts fail to break new ground and merely repeat the devices introduced in Part One. Happily, this was not the case with Cary Bates' latest effort in *ACTION* #490. Naturally, there were references to last issue—by the way, I like recent attempts at more original flashbacks rather than standard narratives—and Brainiac as antagonist was also back from #489. But on the whole, "No Tomorrow for Superman" was notable because as a single story it stood admirably on its own, not relying totally on Part One.

Poor *Superman*! There have been just too many times when some outside force has managed to make his powers go haywire. Here the burning eye-energy attacks were almost outrageous enough to be tongue-in-cheek humor. However, these attacks did provide the mystery at hand. It didn't take me long to figure out there was a connection between them and *Superman*'s being present when Josh Coyle lit his cigar and when Jimmy used his camera's flash, as well as flying into the aurora borealis. What Cary was careful to do here was give us this connection and let us wait for the how and why. Also, he used the attacks as impetus for the typical good deeds *Superman* performs each issue, which were more spectacular than usual because of the attacks.

It seems Curt Swan is at his best when *Superman* performs these acrobatic or merely phenomenal feats. They certainly seem to improve the rest of the story's art at any rate. And Curt constantly manages to capture the drama of any cliffhanger, specifically this issue's confrontation between DC's answer to *The Eyes of Laura Mars* and the JLA satellite.

Finally, when Brainiac popped up again, it reminded me of two *Legion of Super-Heroes* stories set in the 30th century. It was established that in the 20th century, *Superman* would eventually defeat Brainiac once and for all, shrinking him to nothingness. Also, Kandor is destined to be enlarged in this century and the Kandorians will settle on the planet Rokyn. Of course, you have more than 20 years to get these stories told, but have you considered either one or the other recently? I'd be curious to find out what the readers' consensus is on the enlargement of Kandor.

Tony Edwards
454 N. Formosa Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90036

We'll find out—five issues from now, when the question comes up in the 500th issue of *ACTION*!—ENB

Dear Editor:

ACTION #490 is depressing. The funny thing is that it's supposed to be, yet I'm depressed for all the wrong reasons. Oh, it's all thanks to Cary Bates' script, but not because he toyed with my emotions—it's because he should have and didn't.

"No Tomorrow for Superman" answers the previous issue's question of what happens when *Superman* gets an unobstructed view of the destruction of Krypton, the light generated by it having just reached Earth. In terms of Kal-El's physical being, the answer is simple: nothing. In terms of his mental being, the answer is incredibly philosophical. Is this not the story of a mortal who must finally accept the death of a

reality, even in the far reaches of his imagination? According to the comic book version, apparently not.

I couldn't care less that *Superman*'s eyes keep smoking every time a light flashes. I can also put aside the missing explanation of how everyone knew exactly when the light would reach Earth, or how such a catastrophic destruction could last so short a time. There are other solar systems between here and Krypton's...and mythic interpretations do tend to exaggerate even minute details like time.

But I don't understand the lackadaisical way in which characterization has been put aside. Where is the sense of wonder experienced by the children of Earth, Kandor, and the last daughter of Argo City, as they are faced with the reality that their history is not fiction, that Krypton did indeed exist; the final mourning of the elders of Kandor and the Phantom Zone inhabitants who are now faced with the fact that they can never go home again as fictional illusions are ended; and the helplessness of *Superman*—his eyes turned away by his father, forced to look by Brainiac...

What happened? Were they all turned into pillars of salt? Or was it just Cary Bates under the editorial hand of one Julius Schwartz?

Valeria Bessley
1 Deer Run Drive
Wilmington, DE 19807

You write as though the younger Kandorians and *Supergirl* had no evidence of Krypton's existence, and the older ones had no evidence of its destruction. If Krypton never existed, where did Kandor and Argo City come from? And didn't the Phantom Zoners actually see Krypton explode from their dimensional prison? They did! Of course, we might have probed deeper into their reactions if we were doing a psychological study, but this is *ACTION COMICS*, not *PSYCHOLOGY TODAY*.—ENB

Dear Editor:

When I began reading "No Tomorrow for Superman" (I hate the title), I was a bit confused. I kept thinking I had missed an issue. Because at the end of the last *ACTION*, we saw Brainiac forcing *Superman* to view the explosive light of his home world. This story opens with a splash page of *Supes* screaming as various individuals take note of the fact that his eyes are burning.

Then we see Clark and Lana on the air, discussing the explosion, and I knew I had missed an episode. Then, on page 8, we see Brainiac, and I realize Cary has simply jumped ahead from the conclusion of the previous issue because it was to take some time before Clark's experience began to produce any effects. Well, I understand why you did it that way, Cary, but I spent the first seven pages griping inside my head because I thought I had missed an issue. For this reason, I felt the beginning of the story was not very effective.

One thing, though: for the first time, I realized how powerful *Superman* really is and how difficult it must be to write new, fresh, interesting material for the character.

Tad Ray Christiansen
11486 Victory Blvd.
N. Hollywood, CA 91608

At last you know what gives editors and writers gray hairs—and ulcers!—E. Nelson Bridwell



SHOPPING BAG LADY MENACES WORLD'S FINEST TEAM!

BLACK LIGHTNING BEGINS SOLO SERIES IN WFI

(DC, New York)—What happens when you team a Metropolis Shopping Bag Lady with an infinitely powerful alien? Havoc! And only *Superman* and *Batman* can hope to overcome it! Read "The Innocent Who Hated" by Denny O'Neil, Dick Dillin and Frank McLaughlin in the latest issue of *WORLD'S FINEST*!

Also in this 64-page Dollar Comic, *Green Arrow* fights his old enemy, *The Clock King* and learns the villain's origin in a story by Paul Kupperberg and Joes Delbo.

Then *Hawkman*, the Winged Wonder, must discover a way to defend Midway City from the "Attack of the In-And-Out Invaders"—alien beings who cannot be touched. This story of sky-high hijinks is brought to you by the talented team of Gerry Conway and Rich Buckler.

Black Lightning, in his first *WORLD'S FINEST* solo story comes face to face with his mortal enemy, the Whale, in "Death Ransom" by Denny O'Neil, George Tuska and Vince Colletta.

And *Captain Marvel* encounters an old enemy—or is it a new enemy? Either way he must find a way to defeat the deadly menace of "The Invincible Man" in this Shazam! thriller by E. Nelson Bridwell, Don Newton and Kurt Schaffenberger.



GRAVEDIGGER BATTLES NAZI SUB! (WW II)—*Gravedigger* learns that the Nazi plans for the defense of the French coast have been picked up by a Nazi minisub in the Nile River.

Armed with only a knife and a length of rope, he must recover the plans... or die! Don't miss the gripping story of "Death River" by Jack C. Harris, Dick Ayers and Romeo Tanghal in *MEN OF WAR* #17, on sale the second week of March!



Q: Any chance of *DC PRESENTS* becoming a monthly?—John Runion. A: *PLENTY*, since it's been a monthly for months! Q: Did *WELCOME BACK, KOTTER* bite the dust after #10?—Rocco Galante. A: Sure did.

Q: Why can't I ever find *BRAVE & BOLD*?—Robby Quigley. A: Maybe it sells out fast in your area. Why not subscribe and never miss an issue?

Q: Will the *Justice League and Justice Society* be teaming up again?—Abe Samson. A: They team up every summer, and we see no reason to change that tradition.

Q: Did *Red Tornado* ever meet his Earth-2 counterpart?—Ken Loo. A: *Reddy* was "born" on Earth-2, which sort of makes him his own counterpart!

Q: Did you cancel *BLACK LIGHTNING*?—A Fan. A: Yes, but the Ebon Bolt appears now in every issue of *WORLD'S FINEST*!

Q: If the *JSA* premiered in *ALL-STAR* #3, who starred in #1 and 2?—Jeff Jones. A: The same heroes, in separate adventures.

Q: Whatever happened to Jack Kirby's *Manhunter* from *FIRST ISSUE SPECIAL* #5?—Ron Haney Jr. A: His adventures were concluded in *JUSTICE LEAGUE*.

Q: When is *Superman's* birthday?—Jon Razon. A: February 29th.

Q: Was there an issue of *AMAZING WORLD OF DC COMICS* devoted to *Superman*?—Rob Grossman. A: Yes, #7.

Q: What is the origin of the *Super-Sons* in *WORLD'S FINEST*?—Steve Jensen. A: They are part of a computer-projected alternative future.

DIRECT CURRENTS

ON SALE WEEK OF MARCH 5th
DC COMICS PRESENTS #10—*Superman* and *Mister Miracle* join forces in a Steve Englehart/Murphy Anderson collaboration.

DETECTIVE COMICS #484—*Batman* makes an "Assault on Olympus" (by Denny O'Neil, Don Newton and Dan Adkins); *Robin* swings into "The Return of the Flying Graysons" (Jack C. Harris, Kurt Schaffenberger and Frank Chiaramonte); *Batgirl* speeds into "Race Against Murder" (Harris, Bob Oksner and Vince Colletta); *The Demon* learns that "Tyne Has No Secrets" (Len

Wein and Steve Ditko); *Man-Bat* battles "SST—the Super-Sonic Threat" (Bob Rozakis, Newton and Frank McLaughlin); the *Human Target* takes on "The Who Is Floyd Fenderman Contract" (Wein and Dick Giordano); and an *Unsolved Case of Batman*; "The Galileo Solution" (O'Neil, John Calnan and McLaughlin).

GHOSTS #77—New tales of the supernatural: "Never Taunt a Specter" (art by Bernard Bailey); "Ghost, Where Do You Hide?" (art by Steve Ditko); and "The Phantom Falcon". Plus: The Files of Dr. Geist!

AND ON SALE RIGHT NOW:
ACTION COMICS #495 / *BRAVE & BOLD* #150 (*Batman* and ?) / *GREEN LANTERN* #116 / *HOUSE OF MYSTERY* #268 / *SGT. ROCK* #328 / *SUPERBOY & THE LEGION* #251 / *SUPER FRIENDS* #20 / *SUPERMAN* #335 / *UNKNOWN SOLDIER* #227 / *WORLDWIDE* #21 / *WEIRD WESTERN TALES* #55 / *WONDER WOMAN* #255



© 1979 OLYMPIC SALES CLUB, INC.



The brand of this fun Seed Company has helped my family, friends and neighbors decide to buy my seeds.
Denny Rogers
Mississippi

The people rely on me to get their needs to them and they want the best. American Seeds.
Mike McKee
Pennsylvania

Quality is Easy to Sell.
Jeff Bosch
Michigan

My customers won 37 ribbons at the County Fair. Now I have been able to buy my horse with my profits from the past four years.
Robin Westbrook
New York

I feel it is an honest business for any person regardless of age. I sell more by being able to buy what I need.
Barry Adams
Georgia

They add so easy and we made so much money for my baseball team that we named our team "The American Seeds."
Don Jodan
Michigan

I wish everything had as much Quality as American Seeds. Thank you for giving me the great, unbelievable opportunity.
Ben Snow,
Rhode Island

Your large assortment gives everyone a better choice. Thank you for giving me a chance to earn my own money.
Dane Capelista
South Carolina

My customers enjoyed the easy home shopping.
Glenn Cross
Indiana



MAGMATIC CAMERA



3-SPEED BIKES



MICROSCOPE SETS



ROLLER DERBY SKATES



JUNIOR GUITARS



POCKET CALCULATOR



MODEL ROCKETRY



COMPLETE ARCHERY SETS



SWIM SET



STOPWATCH



WRIST WATCHES



BIKE SPEEDOMETER



BASEBALL GLOVES



BASKETBALL & GOAL



CHICK-U-BATOR



30-POWER TELESCOPE



4-PLAYER BADMINTON



TENNIS SET



CASSETTE TAPE RECORDER



CROQUET SET



SLEEPING BAG



NYLON MOUNTAIN TENT



COMPLETE FISHING SETS



VOLLEYBALL SET



KODAK POCKET CAMERA



CHEMISTRY SETS



CB RECEIVER



GIRL'S TRAVEL CASE



PITCH BACK



DISGUISE KIT



SKATE BOARD/KICK TAIL

MAKE MONEY GET PRIZES

with Fast Selling American Seeds

Take your choice of 100 wonderful prizes. You can earn as many as you want—quickly, easily. Many prizes shown here and many more in our Big Prize Book are given WITHOUT COST for selling just one 48-pack order of American Vegetable and Flower Seeds at 45¢ a pack. Some of the larger prizes require more sales or extra money as explained in the Big Prize Book.

SEND NO MONEY, WE TRUST YOU

Everybody wants American Seeds. They're fresh and ready to grow. You'll sell them quickly to family, friends and neighbors. Many boys and girls sell their packs in one day. You can, too—and get your prize at once. Or, if you want money instead of a prize, keep \$7.20 for every 48-pack order you sell. There's no risk; any unsold packs may be returned.

ORDER NOW Your Prize Is Ready

Mail coupon in envelope today for your seeds and Big Prize Book—give the other coupon to a friend.

AMERICAN SEED CO.

35 N. Prince St.
Dept. 932
Lancaster, Pa.
17604
Our 61st Year

\$6,400.00

Awarded in our promptness contest in addition to the prizes and money you earn selling seeds.

Complete information is sent with your Big Prize Book and seeds.

MAIL ONE COUPON TODAY Give the Other to a Friend

AMERICAN SEED CO., 35 N. Prince St.,
Dept. 932, Lancaster, Pa. 17604

Please send me your Big Prize Book and one order of 48 packs of American seeds. I'll sell them at 45¢ a pack, send you the money and choose my prize. Send seeds checked.

☐ All Flower Seeds ☐ All Vegetable Seeds ☐ Mixed Vegetable and Flower Seeds

Name _____
Address _____
Town _____
State _____ Zip Code _____

AMERICAN SEED CO., 35 N. Prince St.,
Dept. 932, Lancaster, Pa. 17604

Please send me your Big Prize Book and one order of 48 packs of American seeds. I'll sell them at 45¢ a pack, send you the money and choose my prize. Send seeds checked.

☐ All Flower Seeds ☐ All Vegetable Seeds ☐ Mixed Vegetable and Flower Seeds

Name _____
Address _____
Town _____
State _____ Zip Code _____

